Some interesting facts
about a strong supporter of the Museum

This is a reprint of an article we put into the newsletter in 2012 but we felt it was important enough to put in again. First part is written by Frankie Welch in July 1960 and then followed up by unknown person in August 1960. It seems to fit right in with what our (your) Museum is all about today!

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Project for the Women

The Three Rivers Woman’s Club probably has played a more important role in this community since its formation in 1916 than any other organization here. Still it has been threatened with curtains for more than a year now. Numerous other clubs springing up in a rapidly growing community, plus a new Memorial Building, are about to boo the old club off the stage with, “You are no longer needed. Your usefulness is over.”

The club helped remodel the community hall. It secured the white line (now yellow) for safety on the highway through Three Rivers. It sponsored the preservation of historical monuments, including Tharp’s Log in Giant Forest in Sequoia Park. Electricity was obtained for Three Rivers through the efforts of the club. For years the juice flowed by on the big, high tension wires with never a kilowatt dropped down for our people.

Editors note; the following is then from the August 1960 edition.

Another obvious reason for the decline of the Woman’s Club is that they have run out of projects. Many of the projects they once undertook for the community are now done by PTA, service clubs, garden clubs, church’s and other groups. So, the remaining members of the Woman’s Club would like to propose a brand new project, that is, the founding of a Kaweah Valley museum. Probably nothing is more needed than a program to preserve the rich history and lore of this valley by the collection and exhibition of the hundreds of precious relics of the past.

A Kaweah museum would serve several purposes other than preserving items of lasting interest. Of first importance, it would have a focal point of community interest which could bring old timers and new comers together as nothing else could. It could be something in which each and every person could take pride. It could give Three Rivers a point of distinction. Hundreds of thousands who drive through without even knowing where they are or who stop for a motel and then drive on without even remembering the name of the motel. A very important thing a museum could do is to become a major tourist attraction. We need and must have, points of interest which will attract some of these people, and which will tell the Three Rivers story to them.

Today the Museum is just what everyone wanted where the attics, the closets, the barns, and the junk piles of this area are identified, catalogued, repaired, preserved, and shown in addition to acting as the visitors center for Three Rivers, a tourist attraction and stopping point for so many of those visitors to Sequoia National Park.

The point made here is the Three Rivers Museum could not have happened or continue to happen if it were not for groups and businesses like the Three Rivers Woman’s Club. A major contributor to our Museum.
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There's room for more names on this list.
Invite your relatives and friends or better yet, give them a gift membership for the Holiday's

Christmas Dinner 1954

**Buckaroo Inn**
Phone 61 for reservations

**FAMILY STYLE XMAS DINNER**
(For Parties over 4)
REAL HOME COOKED FOOD
$1.50 Child's plate  $2.25 Adults
Favors for the Youngsters

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| **JAN-DEC 2014** | **1st Saturday in Three Rivers**  
Just like it says! The 1st Saturday of each month the village of Three Rivers artists and shops including the Museum are open with all types of gift ideas. |
| **MAR** | **Three Rivers Studio Tour 2014**  
**March 21-22-23, 2014, Friday-Saturday-Sunday**  
Head for the hill’s and start your tour at the Museum.  
For additional information go to [www.threeriversartstudiotour.com](http://www.threeriversartstudiotour.com) |
| **JULY** | **Hot Dog Festival & Craft Show at the Three Rivers Museum**  
**Saturday, July 12th 10am to 4pm**  
Supporting the Three Rivers Volunteer Firefighters & Museum  
Demonstrations by Tulare County Fire, Cal Fire and National Park Svc Fire  
Lunch includes Hot Dog with all the fixings, Corn on the Cob, A&W Root beer Float |
| **SEP** | **California Student Indian Day**  
**Thursday & Friday, September 18-19**  
Native-Americans will instruct 4th grade students on Indian life with hands on demonstrations on basket weaving, acorn floor preparation and more. About 340 students came through the Three Rivers Historical Museum in 2013. |
| **OCT** | **Living History Day – Our Frontier Town**  
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More details later but I think we can be sure of a ‘real western shoot-out’ |
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Holiday Savings
10% off all gift shop items now through December 24th.
Members get an additional 10% during the early shopping weekend Nov 16-17

Gift Memberships!
This is a great way to let your friends and relatives know that you are supporting the Museum

GIFT SHOP SALE
- Puzzles $8-$16 * Toys $1-$3
- Puppets (Finger or Hand) $7-$24
- Children’s Books $3-$20
- Young Adult Books $5-$20
- Small Hand Made Indian Baskets $11-$22
- Vintage High Sierra Jazz Records
- Nature & Park Books $1-$35
- Pioneer Women Books $3-$22
- Lidabelle Wylie Collectable Items
  - Country Bear Original’s Cards / Photos / Mugs / Pictures $4-$25
- 15 Local Author’s Books $3-$25

Country Shortcuts from Country Magazine

Keep your cut Christmas tree fresh longer by watering it with a solution of 1/4 cup honey and 2 quarts warm water. Shake or stir well (the water, not the tree) to make sure the honey is dissolved in the water.

A few dry pinto beans placed in a jar of onion or garlic salt will absorb moisture and prevent the salt from caking.

Next time you clean out your cupboards, mix old cereal, oatmeal and nuts with melted lard or drippings from frying meat. Freeze it in a cake pan, then cut into squares and place in a suet feeder for a high energy winter bird feed.

Keep resealable plastic freezer bags handy in the glove compartment to slip over the side mirrors of your car next time it must sit outside during freezing rain. Close the bags as tightly as you can to prevent the wind from blowing them off.
Thanks to these folks for their 2013 artifact donations

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Through My Looking Glasses by Breathless

Here’s a cute little story from “The Current” newspaper of December 2, 1955.

Those little men are at it again. They are really sneaky. How they knew that I had ordered a cabinet from the catalogue I’ll never know.

You see, we found a real nice cabinet in the catalogue just the right size, reasonable too. It never dawned on us that it might be shipped UNASSEMBLED. Well, it was……

When I saw that box of sticks, that’s all some of them were, I was faint. How could they ever be made into anything? The only thing to do was start. So Father started!!

Oh yes, there were directions but they read like a book on higher mechanics. The drawings were all labeled with numbers on the boards, but the boards had nothing on them so it was a guess which one was MC-7. I was watching and trying to keep my mouth shut… which is as hard for me as doing the work.

Every time I looked at Father he was studying a little notched piece and then studying the directions. Then he would fit the piece somewhere and then go back to the directions. Then maybe he’d turn the piece over, and try it that way. When I saw him reach for the blue pot, I’d know he’d found the secret key… for that piece.

This went on and on. Then he decided to use a new method of eliminating some things to make it easier to pick a likely board. So a million little boards came in the house… the drawers… so HE said. Sure enough it turned out there were five of them after a couple of hours. Now the remaining boards were fewer and there weren’t so many to choose from.

I looked over his shoulder and read in the directions, “Stand remaining guide ‘G-20’ on end of position at center casing ‘MC-7.’” Wow, and any body was supposed to be able to put it together in a couple of hours.

It is all ASSEMBLED and it looks fine… now we can say, “WE did it ourselves.” But next time I think we’ll let George Do It.

Editors note; I wonder if that little cabinet was part of the December 23, 1955 flood. Maybe it is in Visalia or Tule Lake.

Season’s Greetings from all of us at the Three Rivers Museum
Three Rivers Historical Times

Corner

Wasn't it just January?
Is this really November? Didn't I just tell someone at the Post Office, 'I'll sure be glad when summers over.'

Well, here we are moving ever forward, collecting the past since 1991 as a Society and 13 years as the Museum.

Thanks to all our members, docents, volunteers and business's who have continually supported us throughout the year. Whether it be financially, hours spent or providing event supplies.

Next year is shaping up to be a great one for the Museum and our community involved events. Just take a look at the enclosed calendar and mark your calendar.

Tom Marshall

Don't Just Sit There!
We could really use your help.

We are in need of volunteers for:
* research projects
* docents to greet our visitors
* accounting
* computer input
* event organization
* construction work at the Bequette House
* grading and irrigation work
* gardening and landscaping

So, give us a call or email and let us show you how much 'fun' we have at our 'little hometown Museum.'

- call Tom at 559-561-2707
- email at history@3rmuseum.org

California Native-American Day
Sep 19-20, 2013 at Museum

This event is part of our Museum's education program. Over 320 4th graders from Three Rivers, Lemon Cove and Exeter took part in a demonstration of life for the Native-American's in our area prior to the 1800's.

Traditional 'Blessing' was performed

The kids didn't just hear the drums, they played the drums

Living History Day
Oct 5, 2013 at Museum

The first picture below is of our State Assemblyman Jim Patterson that came down and spent the morning with us and decided to come back next year for our 2014 Wild West Shootout, Oct 4th. Yes, we are planning to have a

Have you ever heard of 'stick weaving'

Some folks just had to be involved
Here's your Nov-Dec 2013 Newsletter

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